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a sealing portion operable to encapsulate said front substrate and said rear substrate at a peripheral edge portion thereof to seal a discharge gas therein;

column ribs and row ribs operable to define pixel cells in a column direction and in a row direction, respectively, to thereby define the pixel cells in a matrix;

plane discharge electrodes provided on said front substrate having a display electrode portion and a bus electrode portion; and

a plurality of electrodes provided on said rear substrate which extend longitudinally in the column direction,

wherein the display electrode portion comprises sustain electrodes and scan electrodes and the bus electrode portion comprises sustain-side bus electrodes and scan-side bus electrodes,

wherein at least part of the display electrode portion has a notched portion or a cut-away portion between pixel cells adjacent to each other in the row direction, thereby providing each pixel cell with individually separated electrodes, and

wherein a single sustain electrode is provided in common for a first and second pixel cell adjacent to each other in the column direction.

46. (Once Amended) A display panel comprising:

a first substrate;

a second substrate provided opposite said front substrate;

a display electrode portion provided on said first substrate and extending longitudinally in a first direction;

a bus electrode portion extending longitudinally in a second direction perpendicular to the first direction;

a plurality of electrodes provided on said second substrate and extending longitudinally in the first direction; and

ribs which define pixel cells in the first direction and the second direction, respectively, to thereby define pixel cells in a matrix,

wherein at least a part of the display electrode portion is provided in common for pixel cells adjacent to each other in the first direction.

50. (Once Amended) The display panel according to claim 48, wherein the sustain electrode is the part of the display portion provided in common for pixel cells adjacent to each other in the first direction.

51. (Once Amended) The display panel according to claim 48, wherein a gap is formed in the first direction within each pixel cell between the sustain electrode and the scan electrode.

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Please add the following new claims:

53. (New) The AC plane discharge plasma display panel according to claim 52, wherein the sustain electrode is provided in common for pixel cells adjacent to each other in the column direction.

54. (New) The AC plane discharge plasma display panel according to claim 52, wherein a gap is formed in the column direction within each pixel cell between the sustain electrode and the scan electrode.